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1. [] buzzed to say that he was sending over the Civil Service Commission's approval of our \$8500 suggestion award and added that we might consider inviting a representative of the Commission to the presentation. I told him that I thought this might be a good idea and that I would give further consideration to it.

2. Jim Garrison buzzed to say that he had been in touch with the Navy again and believed that everything was well in hand and would go along smoothly within the next few days despite the rather negative response of the Secretary of Defense to the Director's letter.

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3. At lunch General Cabell, [], Ting Sheldon, and I discussed some of the principles of our insurance program. I said that while I did not have my facts together I was concerned about information which I had received to the effect that GEHA was considering the declaration of a substantial dividend inasmuch as it seemed to me that this might be inconsistent with the action which we had taken to underwrite so-called "bad risks" in connection with Project AQUATONE and also raised the question as to whether or not the Agency should be paying ten or twelve full-time employees to run this program if the business was so profitable that it could either pay dividends or lower premiums. General Cabell was very strong in his views that this Agency should not be paying the salaries of employees to run the program unless other agencies had similar arrangements and said that if our insurance organization could afford to pay these salaries and still provide insurance at a low premium then we were not justified in using "security" as a reason for the Agency paying the salaries. I am going to discuss this with [] and Gordon Stewart. H

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4. Met with Messrs. Saunders, [] to discuss the personnel ceiling situation. The same group, minus [], later discussed with Messrs. Baird, [] the JOT 100-man language program and external training ceiling problems. [] is preparing a new paper which will incorporate all of these matters.

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5. Dr. Tietjen gave me an oral report of his meeting with Dr. Chapin, Chief of the Medical Division at the Civil Service Commission. I asked him to give a copy of his Memorandum for the Record on this meeting to [] and also to brief them orally.

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7. At the Deputies' Meeting Kirk gave a brief rundown on his trip to Europe. Of particular interest was his trip to France. Of

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